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Detainee Charged In Connection With Stabbing on Jail Van

DPSCS IIU Takes Quick Action After Arrest Aided by DOC Special Response Team

TOWSON, MD (April 11, 2007)---The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Internal Investigative Unit has filed criminal charges, including attempted murder, against a pre-trial detainee who allegedly stabbed another detainee aboard a Baltimore City Detention Center van on March 15, an assault brought to an end thanks to the fast action by a special Division of Correction team which happened to be across the street at the time.

20-year old Brian Medlin faces up to life plus 38 years in prison if convicted on all charges. Medlin is accused of stabbing fellow detainee Michael Reed while the two---and other detainees--- were returning to the Detention Center from the Mitchell Courthouse at the end of the day.

As the Detention Center van pulled into the sally port, the Special Response Team (SRT) from the Division of Correction was on the opposite sidewalk, having been involved in a mission at the Maryland Correctional Adjustment Center. SRT members saw the commotion aboard the van, and raced across Madison Street to pull the alleged attacker from the van.

Reed, the injured detainee, was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital with numerous wounds all over his head, body, and limbs.

Medlin, the suspect, had been in the Detention Center on attempted murder, assault, drug, and other charges.

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